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New York, Sept. 21.—Into the category of things to be forgotten as quickly as possible has gone the great "dramaticism" entitled "Watchful Waiting," which the Republican National Committee once believed would win votes for Charles E. Hughes. Those scenes enacted under Author Hal Reid's direction upon the shores of Sheephead Bay, those historic incidents so enjoyed in the making by Everett Colby of New Jersey, will neither gladden nor enlighten the voting or general public. The G. O. P. photoplay has been, vulgarly speaking, "canned."

An expurgated, denatured and de-vitalized edition was thrown on the screen yesterday for some members of the Republican National Committee. These found the "historic facts" mentioned in their circular sadly less interesting than the advance notices promised. They did not even gaze on the picture of a pseudo President Wilson asleep at his desk, and tending down the scene of the attack on the Catholic nuns had robbed it of any value it might have first possessed.

So the committeemen agreed that for Republicans, "Watchful Waiting" was not a success; that its defects could not be overcome, and that, all things considered, the proper place for it was the shelf. If they can prevent it, nothing further will ever be heard of it.

Playwright Reid received most of his fee in advance.

THREE VOYAGES, ALL STARTED ON FRIDAY, END WITH DISASTER

Boston, Sept. 21.—Captain George Birnie, of the Portland schooner Lucia Porter, arrived here today from Gibraltar with six members of his crew aboard the steamship Cretic and reported that his vessel had been abandoned six hundred miles west of the Azores.

"Disaster has ended my last three voyages," Captain Birnie said. "I began them all on Friday, because I thought that superstition was a dream. Now I've decided I'll never sail again if I have to start on that day."

In February, the Lucia Porter was stripped of her sails and seams opened in a storm off the Maine coast and in May she was tossed up on the beach at Swampscott, almost a wreck and her crew taken off in a lifeboat.

After being rebuilt, the schooner sailed from St. John, N. B., on Friday, August 11, for Las Palmas with a cargo of pine and a few days later encountered a storm.

Captain Birnie said he and his crew were forced to seek refuge on the after deckhouse and had about exhausted their limited food supply when the British tramp steamer Knight of the Garter picked them up on her voyage from Norfolk, for Italy, and landed them at Gibraltar.

W. J. BRYAN CONTINUES WYOMING CAMPAIGN

Rock Springs, Wyo., Sept. 21.—William J. Bryan, former secretary of state, started today on the second day of his tour of Wyoming in support of President Wilson and the Democratic ticket, with the program calling for several speeches. Mr. Bryan, speaking here last night, appealed for the re-election of President Wilson on the ground that the President had kept the United States out of war with Europe and Mexico. Mr. Bryan declared the Republican party had been "unscrupulous in its methods concerning votes for women in suffrage states."

He warned the Democratic women to beware of "Republican trickery."

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BERLIN ROUSED BY CONTROVERSY ON U-BOAT WAR

Berlin, Sept. 21.—Renewed and full discussion in the Reichstag of the submarine issue and the controversy which led to the retirement of Admiral Von Tirpitz as minister of the navy appears to be inevitable in consequence of the publication yesterday of the letters exchanged between Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg and the admiral. From these letters the public learned that in a private conversation Professor Valentin asserted Admiral Von Tirpitz has misled the Reichstag in regard to the number of available submarines and the possibility of a submarine campaign.

The admiral demanded that the chancellor discipline Professor Valentin, but the chancellor, while freeing the admiral from the charges, took the position that the professor was not subject to his disciplinary powers.

These letters, however, touched only the fringes of accusations and allegations which for months have been circulating from mouth to mouth in connection with this controversy. There is attributed to Prof. Valentin not only the statement that Admiral Von Tirpitz furnished incorrect figures regarding the number of available submarines, which charge the chancellor declares unfounded, but also the declaration that the admiral deliberately misled the Reichstag and the chancellor regarding the previous success of the submarine campaign and the amount of tonnage destroyed, and that the foreign office obtained the correct figures only from papers stolen from the admiral.

This account of Prof. Valentin's conversation not only reached Admiral Von Tirpitz but was submitted in the form of an affidavit to the Bavarian war ministry and formed one of the subjects of discussion at an audience granted last month by the King of Bavaria to a delegation which demanded a change in the imperial policy and the sharpest possible warfare against Great Britain.

In a communication printed in the Nord Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung, this afternoon, Professor Valentin denies flatly any mention of the theft of papers from the admiral or that, as charged in the affidavit, he cited as authority for this statement to the chancellor, with whom at that time he was not acquainted. There has arisen a sharp issue of veracity between Prof. Valentin and the author of the affidavit, Prof. Grossman, editor of the South German Monthly, a prominent political periodical.

The partisans of the admiral and of the chancellors, protagonists of the ruthless submarine warfare and those opposing a breach with the United States, have delved themselves into the controversy and by the time the Reichstag convenes ample material for a vigorous clash probably will be available to the Reichstag or others as well as to the chancellor should he determine to refer to the issue in his expected speech on the general situation.

STEPNEY

Miss Gertrude Craft has returned where she has resumed her position as teacher in the Good Hill school.

Mrs. Stephen B. Hayes has spent a few days this week as the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Oscar Plumb, in Nichols.

A pleasant social time was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Monday evening when a number of the young people surprised Merwin Burr. Games and music were features of the evening's entertainment after which refreshments were served.

Dr. Macatur of Brooklyn has been spending a few days with his family here.

Miss Alma Peck is spending a week as the guest of Mrs. Henry Penny.

Miss Caroline Atkinson, who has been spending the summer with Mrs. Edward Booth, returned Saturday to Freeport.

A meeting of the Stepney Cemetery association was held Saturday evening. The following officers were elected: President, Stephen B. Hayes; secretary, George H. Lyon; and treasurer, Arthur B. Tyrrell.

Edward Kneen of Shelton was a recent visitor at the home of Mrs. E. D. Leavenworth.

Mr. and Mrs. Randall spent Sunday as the guests of relatives in Bethel.

Robert Bevans has purchased a building lot of J. Carleton Joyce and will soon erect a bungalow.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Elmer Hayes were recent guests of Mrs. Edson Hayes.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Miller and family of New Haven spent Sunday with Mrs. Elizabeth Drew.

George Haddy of Newtown was a recent visitor at the home of Charles Thorpe.

Schools will open next Monday with the following teachers: Easton, Miss Hilda Spargo; Center, Miss Clara Gregory; Elm street, Miss Clara Cutler; Miss Nolin; Stepney, Frederick Sherman; Upper Stepney, Miss Edna Eastwood.

Mrs. William Nichols entertained as a recent guest her brother from Easton.

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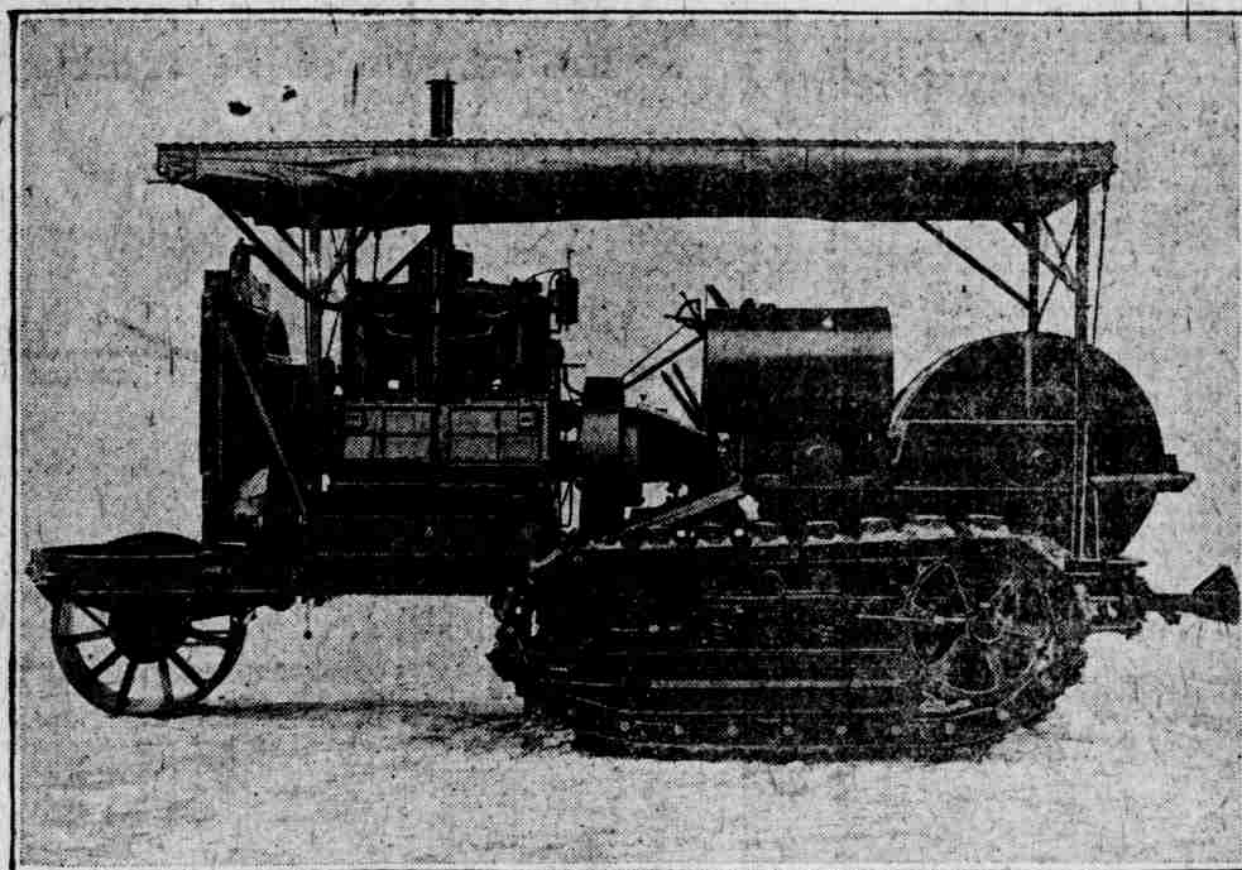
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The British armored tractors, or "tanks," which have distinguished themselves in the battle of the Somme by smashing German opposition to their advance, are made out of "caterpillar" tractors built in America. The British completed car, the American manufacturers believe, is made simply by enlarging the platform on the tractor so that it extends over most of the machinery and furnishes room for machine guns and their crews and by covering the whole with a tortoise shell of steel armor. The machine has a fore wheel which is used only for guiding purposes, and indeed in the

smaller type of farm tractors is absent. No weight rests on this wheel, and it could be removed altogether without causing the frame of the tractor to dip more than a few inches. The weight is carried on the two "caterpillars." These consist of two belts with corrugated surfaces on the inside of each of which are two lines of steel rails jointed in short sections and operated by sprocket wheels. As the endless belt turns with the progression of the machine the forward sprocket wheel lays down the track and the rear one picks it up again. On the rails thus laid down roll the wheels on which the machine is supported—five wheels to a side, on trucks some-

thing like miniatures of those used on railroad cars. They run only on the steel rails, and the rails are supported on the belt of steel plates two feet wide. The newest and largest of the machines which are the basis of the "tanks" are about twenty-three feet long and nine feet wide over all. The "caterpillars," which are well toward the rear, are normally about seven feet long—that is to say, about seven feet of belt and rails are on the ground at one time. But it is a simple matter to lengthen the "caterpillars" by inserting additional tracks, and quite conceivably for war purposes they may have been made almost as long as the frame of the car.

American Shipping on Pacific Is Safe

Washington, Sept. 21.—The turning point in the fortunes of American shipping on the Pacific was marked by the recent purchase of three large ships by the Pacific Mail Steamship company, "and there is no further danger of the American flag disap-

pearance on the Pacific," a department of commerce report announced today. It also pointed out that the European war has cut down the total shipping of all nations engaged in trans-Pacific trade from 350,000 gross tons to 280,000. The Pacific Mail company's purchase, the report says, adds 17,000 gross tons to the 5,000 tons that remained of American shipping on the Pacific.

"The United States," the report concludes, "has more merchant vessels under construction than any other country in the world and while the greater part of this new tonnage is not intended for immediate use on the Pacific, it is probable that sooner or later some of it will be diverted to the eastern trade."

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Horatio N. Drury, of New York, will deliver a lecture on "The Educational Note in Modern Business" at the Y. M. C. A. tomorrow night at 8 o'clock. This lecture will mark the opening of the Bridgeport Institute of Accountancy and Business Administration, the first institution of its kind to offer professional training in the subjects of accounting, auditing, business law, applied economics, organization and finance.

The following prominent men, interested in the work of the new school, make up an advisory committee for the Institute: W. Percy Allen, auditor, Warner Bros. Co.; David S. Day, lawyer, Marsh, Stoddard & Day, and treasurer, The D. M. Reed Co.; F. B. Hickman, treasurer, Locomobile Co.; W. F. Lawrence, comptroller, Union Metal-

lic Cartridge Co.; Homer Reid, chief accountant, American Graphophone Co.; and E. A. Shepherd, assistant comptroller, Remington Arms & Ammunition Co.

It was learned today that the number of enrollments for this new course had already exceeded the expectations of those in charge of the work in the educational department of the Y. M. C. A. It is expected that the enrollment will be practically completed tomorrow night. The lecture by Mr. Drury is free and open to all men interested.

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